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ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Officers and Committees
of the Town of
Mason, New Hampshire
For the Year Ending December 31
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with the
SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT
For the Year Ending June 31, 1959

Our cover picture shows the Uncle Sam House as it appeared at the turn of the century. The name comes from the fact that from 1780 to 1789 the famous Samuel Wilson lived here, coming from Arlington, Mass., and going from here to Troy, N.Y., by foot. With his brother they became meat packers and furnished the army during the war of 1812. He was appointed meat inspector for the government and marked the barrels with U.S. These barrels soon became known as Uncle Sam's meat.

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Toivo Kivimaki	November 1960
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CLERK and TREASURER

Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1960
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SELECTMEN

Leland A. Wildes	March 1960
Paul G. Robbins	March 1961
Tracy A. Eaton	March 1962

TAX COLLECTOR

Roland S. Spalding	March 1960
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HIGHWAY AGENT

Guy Porter Washburn	March 1960
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AUDITORS

Toivo Kivimaki	March 1960
John O. Lonnqvist	March 1960

REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNTY CONVENTION

Tracy A. Eaton	November 1960
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SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Harold C. Miller	November 1960
Guy F. Washburn	November 1960
Vivian Ilomaki	November 1960

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Esther Spalding	March 1960
Elizabeth O. Jones	March 1961
Virginia Rafter	March 1962

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Tracy A. Eaton	March 1960
Conray G. Wharff	March 1961
Charles F. H. Crathern	March 1962

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Frank Newell	March 1960
Alfred Spear	March 1961
Conray G. Wharff	March 1962

POLICE OFFICERS

Albert L. Dunham, Jr., Chief	Appointed
Leo Leino	Appointed
Alfred Spear	Appointed

DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Charles F. H. Crathern	Appointed
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FIRE CHIEF

Leland A. Wildes, Acting

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

James Bell, Chief

Carl Valyou	G. Porter Washburn
Curtis Dunn	Harold C. Miller

HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Robert Wellwood	Appointed
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LIBRARIAN

Elsie Resor

Appointed

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Guy F. Washburn

Appointed

SEXTON

Frank Newell

Appointed

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gladys L. Ashead 1960

Anna Kivimaki 1961

Adolph Rajala 1960

Curtis Dunn 1962

Aaron Brandt 1960

PLANNING BOARD

Charles Babb 1961

Adolph Rajala 1960

Aaron Brandt 1963

Talbot R. Hood 1962

Leland A. Wildes, Ex-Officio

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

James Rowse 1964

Harold Forrest 1962

Oliver Clow 1963

Malcolm Stanton 1961

Robert Wood 1960

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town

Hall in said Mason on Tuesday the 8th day of March next at one of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to bring in your ballots for the following Town Officers:

Town Clerk for one year; Selectman for three years; Town Treasurer for one year; Tax Collector for one year; Highway Agent for one year.

The Polls to close at 7:30 P. M. of the same day.

And at eight of the clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 9th day of March at the same place, to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers not chosen by the non-partisan ballot for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote a discount on taxes paid on or before a date, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell any real estate now owned by the

town that has been acquired by tax sale if they with a majority of the Financial Advisory Committee think it advisable, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made of all town records, by the Municipal Accounting division, and make an appropriation for the same.

Article 7. To see if the town will allow the Tax Collector compensation for collecting the State Head Tax, and fix the amount at 8% or take any action relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a snow plow or take any action relating thereto.

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements to the Town Hall or take any action relating thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to obtain land adjoining the town hall or take any action relating thereto.

Article 11. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers heretofore chosen and take any action relating thereto.

Article 12. To see if the town will take any action relating to the Soldier's Monument fund.

Given under our hand and seal, this 22nd day

of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty.

LELAND A. WILDES
PAUL G. ROBBINS
TRACY A. EATON
Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LELAND A. WILDES
PAUL G. ROBBINS
TRACY A. EATON
Selectmen of Mason

REPORT OF FINANCIAL BOARD

As Approved by the Financial Advisory Committee

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00
Election and Registration	300.00
Town Hall	500.00
Police Department	300.00
Fire Department	250.00
Dutch Elm	100.00
Insurance	500.00
Health	50.00
Town Dump	200.00
State Aid Construction	688.34
Summer Roads	4,000.00

Winter Roads	3,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00
Expenses Highway Department	600.00
Library	500.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Public Relief	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrou	100.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Regional	52.00
Social Security	75.00
Interest	100.00
County Tax	
Schools	23,548.76

TOWN BUDGET

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
ENSUING YEAR JANUARY 1, 1960 TO DECEMBER 31, 1960.
COMPARED WITH ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE,
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS
YEAR JANUARY 1, 1959 TO DECEMBER 31, 1959.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1959	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1959	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1960
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,178.25	\$ 1,178.25	\$ 1,100.00
Railroad Tax	137.82	137.82	85.00
Savings Bank Tax	109.65	109.65	100.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands		48.93	45.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,634.74	2,529.41	2,200.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		7.72	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	125.00	164.00	125.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees		12.00	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	50.00	151.00	50.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00	194.17	
Income of Departments: (a) Highway, including rental of equipment		190.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00	2,163.82	2,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) 157 Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2	314.00	306.00	300.00

(b) Yield Taxes	166.48
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TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	6,649.46	7,359.25
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AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES	41,569.01
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PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1959	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1959	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1960
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CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,353.16	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00	859.97	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00	33.70	300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	500.00	359.68	500.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	300.00	281.22	300.00
Fire Department	250.00	665.93	250.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	100.00	95.00	100.00
Insurance	400.00	360.20	500.00

Health:

Health Department, including Hospitals	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	200.00	200.00	200.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance—Summer	4,000.00	5,458.61	4,000.00
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Town Maintenance—Winter	3,000.00	3,115.60	3,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00	223.20	225.00
General Expenses of High-			
way Department	1,200.00	2,002.30	600.00
Town Road Aid	693.06	693.06	688.34
Libraries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	200.00		200.00
Old Age Assistance	400.00	429.26	500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans'			
Associations	100.00	80.00	100.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playground, Incl.			
Band Concerts	100.00	105.25	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	250.00	200.00	300.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising and Regional			
Associations	52.00	52.00	52.00
Employees' Retirement and			
Social Security	50.00	48.32	75.00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	100.00	107.86	100.00
County Taxes	3,007.07	3,007.07	3,000.00
School Taxes	29,910.40	28,385.66	23,548.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$47,737.53	\$60,229.52	\$41,239.10
Overlay	480.94		
	\$48,218.47		

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land and Buildings	\$523,550.00
Electric Plants	35,230.00
House Trailers	1,600.00
Stock in Trade	640.00
Horses (2)	70.00
Cows (21)	1,510.00
Hogs (8)	80.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	300.00
Portable Mills	960.00
Fur-Bearing Animals and Rabbits	50.00
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	\$563,990.00
Less: Veterans' Exemptions	37,800.00
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Net Valuation	526,190.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,250.00
Town Officers' Expenses	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Hall and Building Maintenance	500.00
Police Department	300.00
Fire Department	250.00
Care of Trees	100.00
Insurance	400.00
Health	50.00
Dump	200.00
Town Road Aid	693.06
Summer Roads	4,000.00
Winter Roads	3,000.00
Street Lighting	225.00

General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,200.00
Library	500.00
Old Age Assistance	400.00
Public Relief	200.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00
Cemeteries	250.00
Regional	52.00
Social Security	50.00
Interest	100.00
County Tax	3,007.07
School Tax	29,910.40

Total Appropriations	\$ 47,737.53
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Estimated Revenue and Credits

Interest on Taxes	\$ 100.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,178.25
Railroad Tax	137.82
Savings Bank Tax	109.65
Reimbursements a/c Exemption	
Growing Wood and Timber	2,634.74
Dog Licenses	125.00
Rent of Town Property	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,000.00

To be deducted from Appropriations	\$ 6,335.46
Balance	41,402.07
Plus Overlay	480.94
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	41,883.01
157 Polls @ \$2.00	314.00
Property Taxes	41,569.01

	\$ 41,883.01
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Net Valuation \$526,190.00 x 7.90 = \$41,569.01

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1959

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts	Total Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Over-Draft
Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,250.00	\$	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,353.16	\$	\$ 103.16
Town Officers, Expenses	800.00		800.00	859.97		59.97
Election and Registration	100.00		100.00	33.70	66.30	
Town Hall	500.00		500.00	359.68	140.32	
Police Department	300.00		300.00	281.22	18.78	
Fire Department	250.00	11.17	261.17	665.99		404.82
Dutch Elm Disease	100.00		100.00	95.00	5.00	
Insurance	400.00		400.00	360.20	39.80	
Health	50.00		50.00	50.00		
Town Dump	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Summer Roads	4,000.00	1,892.12	5,892.12	5,458.61	433.51	
Winter Roads	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,115.60		115.60
State Aid Construction	693.06		693.06	693.06		
Street Lighting	225.00		225.00	223.20	1.80	
Expenses Highway Department	1,200.00		1,200.00	2,002.30		802.30
Old Age Assistance	400.00		400.00	429.26		29.26
Public Welfare	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Library	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Memorial Day	100.00		100.00	80.00	20.00	

Parks and Playgrounds	100.00	100.00	105.25	5.25
Cemeteries	250.00	250.00	200.00	50.00
Regional	52.00	52.00	52.00	
Social Security	50.00	35.26	48.32	36.94
Interest	100.00	100.00	107.86	7.86
County Tax	3,007.07	3,007.07	3,007.07	
	17,827.13	1,938.55	20,281.45	1,528.22

ASSETS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	\$ 13,514.69
Bulldozer Account (Ilomaki)	30.00
Unredeemed Taxes 1957	234.50
Unredeemed Taxes 1958	171.54
Uncollected Property Taxes 1959	7,538.92
Uncollected Poll Taxes 1959	46.00
Uncollected Poll Taxes 1958	4.00
Uncollected Head Taxes 1959	160.00
Uncollected Head Taxes 1958	10.00
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	\$ 21,709.65

LIABILITIES

Due State, Yield Tax	21.07
Uncollected Head Taxes	170.00
Social Security	22.19
Balance School Appropriation	19,054.34
Unexpended Balance Soldiers' Monument Appro.	271.69
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	19,539.29
Excess of Assets	2,170.36
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	\$ 21,709.65

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall	
Other Buildings	\$ 8,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00

Library	
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Police Department	
Equipment	50.00
Fire Department	200.00
Highway Department:	
Sander	200.00
Bulldozer	3,000.00
Roller	200.00
Snow Plows	400.00
Road Machine	50.00
Parks and Playgrounds	500.00
School:	
Land and Building	8,000.00
Equipment	1,000.00
All other Town owned Land:	
Obtained by Bequest:	
22 a. Lucy Lawrence lot	
Obtained by Gift:	
1 a. Veterans Foreign Wars lot	
Obtained by Tax Sale:	
8 a. Hall lot	
20 a. Walter Robbins Lot	
12 a. Henry Barrett lot	
5 a. Shattuck lot	
15 a. Pt. Farwell Farm	
150 a. Sam Barrett lot	
50 a. Sam Barrett lot	
51 a. Craig lot	
15 a. Russell lot	

30 a. Perley Pierce lot
 17 a. Coburn lot
 54 a. Walter Fessenden lot
 11 a. Hall lot
 20 a. Jeffs lot
 100 a. undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ Baldwin lot
 30 a. Foster lot
 20 a. Edwin Farnsworth lot
 25 a. Sawtelle lot
 20 a. Esposito lot

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

1959

Filing Fees	12.00
Automobile Permits—1958	44.60
Automobile Permits—1959	2,119.22
Dog Licenses:	
61 Male @ 2.00	122.00
5 Female @ 5.00	25.00
10 Penalties @ .50	5.00
1 Kennel @ 12.00	12.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 2,339.82

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy 1959

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Tax Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 41,569.02
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Poll Taxes	314.00	
Yield Taxes	126.40	
Added Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest Collected	3.89	
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		\$ 42,017.31

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Remittance to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$ 33,508.34
Poll Taxes	256.00
Yield Taxes	126.40
Interest Collected	3.89
Discount Allowed	518.60
Abatements	19.16
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List	
Property Taxes	7,538.92
Poll Taxes	46.00
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Total Credits \$ 42,017.31

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1959

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector

Original Warrant	\$ 990.00
Penalties Collected	3.00
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Total Debits \$ 993.00

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer

Head Taxes	\$ 795.00
Penalties	3.00
Abatements	35.00

Uncollected Head Taxes as per
Collector's List

160.00

Total Credits

\$ 993.00

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES

Levy of 1959

Residents

C. W. Anderson	\$ 158.00
C. W. & Madeline Anderson	334.64
Robert K. Anderson	63.20
Sybil M. Beatham	* 21.60
Samuel & Loretta Bowen	129.00
George W. & Evelyn M. Cook	158.00
Edwin J. & Nellie Doucette	63.20
Frances E. Dunham	*180.12
Robert N. & Irma M. Dunham	316.00
James R. Graham	142.20
Eino Helstein	173.80
Talbot R. & Eleanor E. Hood	142.20
A. Oliver & Vivian M. Ilomaki	568.80
George O. Lord	142.20
Harold C. & Lena M. Miller	*268.60
Oiva W. Jr., & Helvi L. Murto	*699.94
Oiva W. Murto, Sr.	* 47.40
Francis J. & Gladys F. Racine	126.40
Clinton W. Rhodes	221.20
Ferne Rines	79.00
Warren C. & Faye B. Ropes	224.36
Paul J. Rousseau	189.60
Ernest W. & Lillian C. Smith	379.20
James T. Sheffer	*184.33
Irving M. & Marion R. Spear	173.80
Catherine A. Stuart	79.00
Robert R. & Alice K. Trempe	205.40
Harry Williams	237.00

Arthur Williams Heirs	7.90	
Rhea J. Williams	269.87	
Donald M. Witty	69.07	
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Total		\$ 6,055.03

Non Residents

Charles L. & Florence E. Barnes	3.95
Raymond F. Batchelder	27.65
Frances Boucher	3.48
Arthur C. & Alice M. Byers	*15.80
Stephen D. Coffee Heirs	*10.74
Arthur B. Davis Heirs	79.00
Fred Dudley Heirs	18.96
John Elliott Estate	15.16
Dr. Olive S. Feemster	*158.00
Josephine V. Hayward	6.32
Ralph Hayward	6.95
Helen Thelma Kerowac	11.70
Kenneth C. Langdell	26.39
William J. Mack	5.69
Rose Manning	94.80
Vito G. Palumbo	79.00
H. B. Pfieffer	63.20
Guido Quintavella	*67.94
Fred R. Ramsey	20.86
Madeline Regan	*316.00
Mary Roddy Heirs	15.80
Gordon A. & Phyllis Rossley	18.33
Arthur J. Smith	37.92
Oscar Somero	1.90
Marshall B. & Alice Stetson	*31.60
Robert F. Turner	2.84
Isadore A. Valenti	63.20
Dr. Leon E. & Virginia W. White	268.60

Frederick V. Johanson Heirs

12.11

Total

\$ 1,483.89

*Paid Since Jan. 1st, 1960

UNCOLLECTED HEAD & POLL TAXES

Levy of 1959

Robert Anderson	5.00	
Isabel Anderson	5.00	2.00
Thomas B. Calkin	5.00	
Joan R. Calkin	5.00	2.00
Edwin J. Doucette	5.00	2.00
Nellie Doucette	5.00	2.00
Irving Flagg	5.00	
Helen Flagg	5.00	2.00
Fred S. Gilson	5.00	
Mary C. Gilson	5.00	
James R. Graham	5.00	
Helen R. Graham	5.00	2.00
Noel Harding	5.00	2.00
Nita Harding	5.00	2.00
Eino Helstein	5.00	2.00
Irene Helstein	5.00	2.00
Talbot R. Hood	5.00	
Eleanor E. Hood	5.00	2.00
George O. Lord	5.00	2.00
Hazel B. Lord	5.00	2.00
Ray V. Loter	5.00	2.00
Judith F. Loter	5.00	2.00
Francis J. Racine	5.00	2.00
Gladys F. Racine	*5.00	*2.00
Clinton W. Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Mary A. Rhodes	5.00	2.00
Ferne Rines	5.00	2.00
Warren C. Ropes	5.00	2.00
Faye B. Ropes	5.00	2.00

James T. Sheffer	5.00	
Barbara J. Sheffer	5.00	
Catherine A. Stuart	5.00	2.00

Head Tax Total	\$160.00	
Poll Tax Total		\$46.00

*Paid since Jan. 1st, 1960

UNCOLLECTED HEAD & POLL TAXES

Levy of 1958

Ray V. Lotter	5.00	2.00
Judith F. Loter	5.00	2.00

PROPERTY AND POLL TAXES

Levy of 1958

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1959

Property Taxes	\$ 7,429.07
Poll Taxes	52.00
Added Poll Taxes	2.00
Yield Taxes	40.08
Costs	41.35

\$ 7,564.50

Interest Collected during Fiscal

Year ending December 31, 1959 148.93

Total Debits \$ 7,713.43

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer during Fiscal

Year ending December 31, 1959

Property Taxes	\$ 7,429.07
Poll Taxes	50.00
Yield Taxes	40.08
Interest Collected during year	148.93

Costs	41.35	
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	\$ 7,709.43	
Uncollected Poll Taxes		
R. Loter	2.00	
J. Loter	2.00	
		\$ 7,713.43

STATE HEAD TAX
Levy of 1958

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 180.00	
Penalties Collected during 1959	17.00	
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Total Debits		\$ 197.00

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer during 1959		
Head Taxes	\$ 170.00	
Penalties	17.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes		
R. Loter	5.00	
J. Loter	5.00	
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Total Credits		\$ 197.00

REPORT OF TAX SALES REDEEMED
As of December 31, 1959

Remittance to Treasurer

	Levy	Tax	Int.	Fee	Total
Eino Helstein	1956	169.01	26.40	.25	195.66

UNREDEEMED TAXES
As of December 31, 1959

Eino Helstein	1957	180.88	7.12	3.70	191.70
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Eino Helstein	1957	25.84	1.02	1.25	28.11
Eino Helstein	1957	12.92	.52	1.25	14.69
Eino Helstein	1958	116.16	4.06	3.75	123.97
Eino Helstein	1958	29.04	1.02	1.25	31.31
Eino Helstein	1958	14.52	.49	1.25	16.26

ROLAND S. SPALDING
Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 12,391.32
Received from Tax Collector	42,784.72
Received from Selectmen	16,228.35
Received from Town Clerk	2,339.82
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Total Cash Received	73,744.21
Selectmen's orders paid	60,229.52
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1959	\$ 13,514.69

Summary of Receipts as Compiled by Selectmen

Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1959	\$ 12,391.32
From Town Clerk:	
Filling Fees	12.00
Dog Licenses	164.00
Motor Vehicle Permits	2,163.82
From Tax Collector:	
Property Taxes 1958	7,429.07
Interest and costs 1958	190.28
Poll Taxes 1958	50.00

Yield 1958	40.08
Property Taxes 1959	33,508.34
Interest 1959	3.89
Poll Taxes 1959	256.00
Head Taxes 1959	795.00
Penalties	3.00
Head Taxes 1958	170.00
Penalties	17.00
Yield Taxes 1959	126.40
Tax Sales Redeemed	195.66
From Selectmen:	
Rent of Town Hall	151.00
Tarring Work	70.00
Tractor Tracts	50.00
Rent of Bulldozer	120.00
Returned Checks	3.45
Bank Loans	10,000.00
State of New Hampshire	
Duncan Road Money	1,822.12
Forest Fire Warden, Expense rebate	7.72
Savings Bank Tax	109.65
Rail Road Tax	137.82
Interest & Dividends Tax	1,178.25
Tax on State Land	48.93
Forest Conservation	1,433.66
Special Forest Aid	1,095.75
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	\$ 73,744.21

Summary of Payments

Town Officers, Salaries	\$ 1,353.16
Town Officers, Expenses	859.97
Election & Registration	33.70
Town Hall & other Buildings	359.66

Police Department	281.22
Fire Department	665.93
Dutch Elm	95.00
Insurance	360.20
Health	50.00
Town Dump	200.00
Summer Roads	5,431.66
Winter Roads	3,107.29
State Road Construction	693.06
Street Lighting	223.20
General Expenses Highway Dep't.	2,002.30
Old Age Assistance	429.26
Library	500.00
Memorial Day	80.00
Parks & Playgrounds	105.25
Cemeteries	200.00
Regional	52.00
Social Security	48.32
Interest	107.86
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
County Tax	3,007.07
Fees	306.45
Head Tax	917.00
School District 1958-59	18,485.66
School District 1959-60	9,900.00
Bulldozer Account	48.00
Timber Tax	91.56
Tax Refund	63.20
Taxes bought by town	171.54
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	\$ 60,229.52

Town Officers Salaries

Appropriation:	\$ 1,250.00
Paid:	
C. F. H. Crathern, Town Clerk	\$ 100.00

C. F. H. Crathern, Town Treasurer	100.00	
Tracy A. Eaton, Selectman	300.00	
Tracy A. Eaton, Overseer of Welfare	10.00	
Paul G. Robbins, Selectman	250.00	
Leland A. Wildes, Selectman	187.50	
Raymond C. Akerman, Selectman	41.66	
Herman O. Schulze, Tax Collector	200.00	
Roland Spalding, Tax Collector	100.00	
Leland A. Wildes, Auditor	20.00	
Toivo Kivimaki, Auditor	24.00	
Conray G. Wharff, Treas. Trust Funds	20.00	
	\$ 1,353.16	
Overdraft	103.16	
		\$ 1,250.00

Town Officers Expenses

Appropriation:	\$	800.00
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Paid:

Edison C. Eastman	\$	3.52
Robert D. Rousseau		8.91
T. A. Eaton Agency,		
Town Officers Bonds		146.68
Ass'n. N.H. Assessors		3.00
Wheeler & Clark		7.91
Herman O. Schulze		2.00
Tracy A. Eaton, Mileage		7.50
Tracy A. Eaton, Envelopes		
& Stamps		15.38
Mason Village Savings Bank		3.30
Times-Free Press		344.50
Paul G. Robbins		1.75
Chase Inc.		2.50
Charles R. Hardy, Treas.		
Town Clerks Ass'n.		3.00

Ida Horner, Treas. Tax

Collectors Ass'n.	3.00
Sargent Bros., Tax Collectors Supplies	18.45
Branham Publishing Co.	7.00
Toivo Kivimaki	6.00
C. F. H. Crathern, Telephone	4.70
C. F. H. Crathern, Mileage	60.00
C. F. H. Crathern, Convention Expense	25.40
C. F. H. Crathern, Stamps	26.95
Donat Corriveau	16.17
Brown & Saltmarsh	60.31
State of New Hampshire	9.00
Roland Spalding	47.29
Leland A. Wildes, Mileage & Expense	25.75

	\$	859.97	
Overdraft		59.97	
	\$		800.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation:	\$	100.00
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Paid:

Vivian Ilomaki	\$	4.60
Guy F. Washburn		16.60
Times-Free Press		12.50

	\$	33.70	
Unexpended		66.30	
	\$		100.00

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Appropriation:	\$	500.00
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Paid:

Wilton Plumbing & Heating	\$	40.40
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Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	48.61
Guy F. Washburn, Repairs & Supplies	43.33
Guy F. Washburn, Janitor	144.32
Derby & Little	3.88
General Hardware Co.	2.98
Elsa Crathern	1.69
Weston Emergency Lighting Co.	30.45
Thurston Williams, Wood	44.00

\$ 359.66

Unexpended 140.34

\$ 500.00

Police Department

Appropriation: \$ 300.00

Paid:

Albert Dunham Jr.	\$ 258.77
Fred Gilson	13.95
Charles Sawyer, Traffic Tickets	8.50

\$ 281.22

Unexpended 18.78

\$ 300.00

Fire Department

Appropriation: \$ 250.00

Paid:

Walter F. Leonard, Townsend	
Fire Department	\$ 529.50
Louis S. Josselyn, Townsend	
Fire Department	13.50
Greenville Fire Department	81.10
Fred Gilson	8.05
G. Porter Washburn	3.39

Robert Pelletier	3.45	
Lewis Jackson	1.15	
Charles F. H. Crathern	2.30	
Paul Rousseau	2.30	
John Hyatt	2.30	
James Bell	15.44	
Harold Miller	1.15	
John Paron	2.30	
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	\$ 665.93	
Social Security, withheld	.06	
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	\$ 665.99	
Checks returned		
Harold Miller	\$ 1.15	
John Paron	2.30	
Forest Fire Warden, rebate	7.72	
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	\$ 11.17	
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	\$ 654.82	
Overdraft	404.82	
	\$	250.00
Dutch Elm Disease		
Appropriation:	\$	100.00
Paid:		
F. A. Bartlett	\$ 95.00	
Unexpended	5.00	
	\$	100.00
Insurance		
Appropriation:	\$	400.00

Paid:

T. A. Eaton Agency	\$	298.82	
Tracy A. Eaton		61.38	
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	\$	360.20	
Unexpended		39.80	
			\$ 400.00

Health

Appropriation: \$ 50.00

Paid:

Dr. Robert E. Wellwood \$ 50.00

Town Dump

Appropriation: \$ 200.00

Paid:

Town of Greenville \$ 200.00

Summer Roads

Appropriation: \$ 4,000.00

State of New Hampshire (Duncan Money) 1,822.12

School District of Mason 30.00

Winfield Savage 40.00

\$ 5,892.12

Paid:

G. Porter Washburn	\$	2,643.86
Eino Helstein		828.51
Earl Bullard		150.00
Alfred Spear		40.25
Frank Newell		6.73
Roland Vaillancourt		1.15

Arron Brandt	8.00
Rosario Bernier	18.00
Robert Rousseau	23.00
Robert Anderson	14.95
Guy F. Washburn	22.77
Bingham Lumber Co., Plank	122.40
P. J. Keating Co.	80.86
Murto Oil & Gas Co.	28.97
Robert Robichaud, Gravel	327.30
Lewis Fulgoni	21.85
Richard Fulgoni	2.30
Toivo Kivimaki	10.40
Fred Gilson	109.25
Wilfred Hamel	24.00
John Goldsby	18.40
Lewis Jackson	23.00
Chester Lonnqvist	4.60
Derby & Little	1.92
R. C. Hazelton Co.	163.52
E. C. Fessenden Co.	4.50
N. H. Asphalt & Tar Co.	731.17

\$ 5,431.66

Social Security, withheld 26.95

\$ 5,458.61

Unexpended 433.51

\$ 5,892.12

Winter Roads

Appropriation: \$ 3,000.00

Paid:

Winston Hall	\$ 589.50
G. Porter Washburn	433.81
R. Vaillancourt	337.50

Oliver Ilomaki	333.55
Clyde S. Eaton	207.00
R. L. Robichaud	206.00
Harold C. Miller	178.35
Eino Helstein	141.38
C. F. H. Crathern	128.80
Toivo Kivimaki	115.70
Carl Moore	73.60
Merrimack Farmers Exchange Inc.	48.50
Lewis Jackson	41.40
Loren Brown	3.45
Joseph Saunders	1.50
Arthur Rafter	25.30
Irving Spear	28.75
Carl Valyou	17.25
Alfred Spear	42.55
Wirthmore Stores	39.60
John Hyatt	5.75
Charles Tarbell	9.20
Donald Witty	18.40
Frank Newell	35.65
A. L. Dunham Jr.	44.80

\$ 3,107.29

Social Security, withheld 8.31

\$ 3,115.60

Overdraft 115.60

\$ 3,000.00

State Aid Construction

Appropriation: \$ 693.06

Paid:

State Treasurer \$ 693.06

Street Lighting

Appropriation: \$ 225.00

Paid:

Greenville Electric Lighting Co. \$ 223.20

Unexpended 1.80

\$ 225.00

General Expenses Highway Department

Appropriation: \$ 1,200.00

Paid:

Laitalas Garage \$ 1,841.68

Murto Gas & Oil Co. 34.26

Powell Hardware Co. 33.90

Associates Industries Inc. 4.00

Greenville Auto Service 28.18

Douglas Bascom 42.50

4 Coners Welding Shop 2.00

R. C. Hazelton Co. 9.05

G. Porter Washburn 6.73

\$ 2,002.30

Overdraft — 802.30

\$ 1,200.00

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation: \$ 400.00

Paid:

State of New Hampshire \$ 429.26

Overdraft 29.26

\$ 400.00

Public Welfare

Appropriation:	\$	200.00
Unexpended	\$	200.00

Library

Appropriation:	\$	500.00
Paid:		
Esther Spalding, Treasurer	\$	500.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation:	\$	100.00
Paid:		
Carswell Hawthorne Inc.	\$	18.00
Irving Flagg		12.00
George Talbot		50.00
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	\$	80.00
Unexpended		20.00
	\$	100.00

Parks & Playgrounds

Appropriation:	\$	100.00
Paid:		
G. Porter Washburn	\$	10.00
Guy F. Washburn		95.25
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	\$	105.25
Overdraft		5.25
	\$	100.00

Cemeteries

Appropriation:		\$	250.00
Paid:			
Conray G. Wharff	\$	200.00	
Unexpended		50.00	
		\$	250.00

Regional

Appropriation:		\$	52.00
Paid:			
Monadnock Regional Ass'n.	\$	52.00	

Social Security

Appropriation:		\$	50.00
Social Security, withheld			35.26
Paid:			
State Treasurer	\$	48.32	
Unexpended		36.94	
		\$	85.26

Interest

Appropriation:		\$	100.00
Paid:			
Wilton National Bank	\$	107.86	
Overdraft		7.86	
		\$	100.00

Temporary Loans

Paid:			
Wilton National Bank		\$	10,000.00

County Tax

Appropriation: \$ 3,007.07

Paid:

County Treasurer \$ 3,007.07

Fees

Paid:

Herman O. Schulze \$ 71.20

Charles F. H. Crathern 165.25

Roland S. Spalding 70.00

\$ 306.45

\$ 304.45

Head Tax

Paid:

State Treasurer \$ 917.00

School District of Mason

Unexpended balance of 1958-59 \$ 17,529.60

Special Appropriation 956.06

\$ 18,485.66

Paid:

Mildred H. Wharf, Treasurer \$ 18,485.66

Appropriation, 1959-60 \$ 28,954.34

Paid:

Mildred H. Wharff, Treasurer \$ 9,900.00

Due the District 19,054.34

\$ 28,954.34

Bulldozer Account

Received for rental	\$	120.00
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Due from Oliver Ilomaki		30.00
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Paid:

G. Porter Washburn	\$	18.75
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Roger Valliancourt		1.15
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Toivo Kivimaki		6.90
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Fred Gilson		9.20
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Wilfred Hamel		12.00
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\$	48.00
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Paid:

State Treasurer Timber Tax	\$	91.56
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Paid:

Tax Refund		63.20
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REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

Summer

Washburn, Porter, Truck, Labor,	
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Grader	\$ 2,629.25
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Helstein, Eino, Labor	849.85
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Spear, Alfred, Labor	40.25
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Robichaud, Robert, Trucks, Gravel,	
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Sand	327.30
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Gilson, Fred, Labor	109.25
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Hamel, Wilfred, Truck	24.00
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Goldsby, John, Labor	18.40
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Rousseau, Robert, Labor	23.00
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Lonnqvist, Chester, Labor	4.60
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Anderson, Robert, Labor	14.95	
Bingham Lumber Co., Bridge plank	122.40	
Jackson, Lewis, Labor	23.00	
Washburn, Guy F., Labor	35.65	
New England Asphalt and Tar Co.	746.09	
Newell, Frank, Labor	6.90	
Bullard, Earl, Grader	150.00	
Fulgoni, Lewis, Labor	21.85	
Fulgoni, Richard, Labor	2.30	
Bernier, Rosario, Tractor, Back-hoe	18.00	
Brandt, Aaron, Tractor	8.00	
Kivimaki, Toivo, Gravel	10.40	
Vaillancourt, Roland, Labor	1.15	
P. G. Keating Co., Patch	80.86	
R. C. Hazelton, Pipe	163.52	
Total		\$ 5,430.97

Credit—Receipts

Savage, Winfield	\$ 40.00	
School District of Mason	30.00	
Discount on Tar	14.92	
Total		\$ 84.92

Winter

Washburn, Porter, Truck and Labor \$	438.50
Vaillancourt, Roland, Truck	202.50
Hall, Winston, Truck	261.00
Ilomaki, Oliver, Truck	106.05
Kivimaki, Toivo, Tractor and Sand	115.70
Jackson, Lewis, Labor	41.40
Crathern, Charles, Labor	78.20
Dunham, Albert, Labor	19.55
Spear, Irving, Labor	24.15
Helstein, Eino, Labor	144.90

Valyou, Carl, Labor	3.45
Spear, Alfred, Labor	34.50
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Rock Salt	48.50
Saunder, Joseph, Welding	1.50
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,519.90

G. PORTER WASHBURN

Road Agent

REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

By C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Boynton Common School Fund

Interest

Received:

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$	80.54	
Keene Savings Bank		66.72	
Dartmouth Savings Bank		32.52	
Keene Savings Bank		71.86	
Mason Village Savings Bank		80.54	
Dartmouth Savings Bank		40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 372.18

Payments to School District Treasurer:

Mason Village Savings Bank	80.54	
Keene Savings Bank	66.72	
Dartmouth Savings Bank	32.52	
Keene Savings Bank	71.86	
Mason Village Savings Bank	81.54	
Dartmouth Savings Bank	40.00	
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Invested:

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$	4,956.23	
Keene Savings Bank		4,106.84	
Dartmouth Savings Bank		2,000.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 11,063.07

Stearns Common School Bequest

Interest

Received:

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$	88.88	
U. S. Bond		62.50	
Mason Village Savings Bank		88.88	
U. S. Bond		62.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 302.76

Payments to School District Treasurer:

Mason Village Savings Bank, Int.	\$	88.88	
U. S. Bond		62.50	
Mason Village Savings Bank		88.88	
U. S. Bond		62.50	
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Invested:

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$	5,469.36	
U. S. Bond		5,000.00	
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Cemetery Trust Fund

Income During Year:

From Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest	\$	203.85
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Expended During Year:

Mason Village Savings Bank, Interest to Cemetery Trustees	\$	203.85
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Cemetery Fund Beginning of Year	\$	6,364.33	
New Funds Created			
Received from Cemetery Trustees		600.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,964.33

Invested:

Mason Village Savings Bank	\$	6,964.33
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REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Perpetual Care

Income

Balance on Hand January 1, 1959	\$	39.88	
Edith M. Cameron for perpetual care			
of Cameron Lot		200.00	
J. Almus Russell for perpetual care			
of Jason Russell Lot		200.00	
D. W. Flagg for perpetual care			
of Marshall & Flagg Lot		200.00	
Town Trustees		203.85	
		<hr/>	\$ 843.73

Expended

Acme Country Store, Vigoro	\$	19.16	
Town Trustees, Cameron Fund		200.00	
Frank Newell		7.48	
Town Trustees, Russell Fund		200.00	
Frank Newell		3.45	
Town Trustees, D. W. Flagg Fund		200.00	
C. G. Wharff, care of lots		161.50	
Balance on hand		52.14	
		<hr/>	\$ 843.73

Town Appropriation

Receipts:

Balance January 1, 1959	\$	35.62	
Selectmen		100.00	
L. A. Wildes Lct No. 125		25.00	
Selectmen		100.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 260.62

Payments:

Frank Newell	\$	40.25	
Earl Robinson		35.00	
William Murto		29.00	
Frank Newell		9.77	
Porter Washburn, Truck		31.50	
Porter Washburn, Loam		3.00	
Eino Helstein		10.35	
Frank Newell, Mowing		44.00	
C. G. Wharff, Mowing		39.75	
Record Book		1.25	
Material for Maps		2.25	
C. G. Wharff, Maps and Reports		13.75	
Balance December 31, 1959		.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 260.62

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Town Officers of Mason and found them correct in all respects.

January 20, 1960

JOHN O. LONNQVIST
TOVIO KIVIMAKI
Auditors

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Receipts:

Cash on hand, January 1959	\$ 253.08
Town appropriation	500.00
Gifts	355.00
Overdue book fines	11.73
Sale of stove	2.00
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Total receipts	\$ 1,121.81

Expenditures:

Books	\$ 105.49
Fuel	56.00
Library supplies	47.77
Trustees' trip to annual meeting at Concord, including association dues	14.30
Magazine subscriptions (gifts to helpers)	4.00
Salary librarian	100.00
Postage	2.28
Telephone	2.00
Lumber and materials for library extension, including tile floor covering	425.51
Labor on extension	145.70
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Total expenditures	\$ 903.05

Balance	\$ 218.76
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Estimate of expenditures, January-July, 1960:

Fuel	\$ 75.00
Books and magazine subscriptions	85.00

Supplies and equipment	52.00	
Postage and telephone	4.00	
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Total estimated expenditures	\$	216.00
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Estimated cash on hand, July 1, 1960		2.76

REPORT ON LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Adult books charged out	514
Children's books charged out	2,601
Magazines charged out	23
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Total circulation	3,138
Books borrowed from Bookmobile	1870
Books borrowed from Concord	50
Books purchased with town funds	50
Books given to library	110
Total books acquired	160
Books discarded	100

By some of us 1959 will be remembered as the year of library expansion, a project made possible by the support of many interested individuals.

In late summer we realized that if we were to be ready to meet the requirements of the Mason children during the school year, it would be necessary to have more space in which to work efficiently.

Without Mr. Eaton's unlimited patience with us and his uncounted hours of volunteer labor, the work could not

have been done. Mr. Rajala and Mr. Rafter devoted several evenings to the unpleasant task of knocking out a wall which would add $7\frac{1}{2} \times 30$ ft. to our Library area; besides making a generous contribution to be applied to cost of labor and materials, Miss Voorhees bought three new windows to let in the afternoon sunlight; Mr. Akerman contributed two gallons of paint and some labor; Mr. Wildes wielded the paint brush on several occasions; Mrs. Gish and Mrs. Sowers gave us a gallon of paint and five dollars with which to buy more; the need for two doors was promptly met by Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Rowse; Mrs. Crathern made the new curtains; with a check from an out-of-town guest a new floor covering was purchased and installed.

While at the date of this report there is more painting to be done, cushions to be made for the window-seat in the little children's corner, an additional fluorescent light to be installed, and table and chairs to be provided for reference use, we are most grateful for what has been accomplished.

Due to the fact that a considerable part of the budget had to be used for the purchase of materials and to meet the expense of the hired labor, we have spent comparatively little on books this year. We have, however, been most fortunate in having 110 books given to us. Among these were two purchased with the \$5 Good Citizenship Award which Edith Rowse generously gave us. Mr. Anderson not only gave us two copies of his most recent book, but offered to replace those Anderson books which the children have loved into a state of great disrepair.

Speaking of repairs, we wish to acknowledge the work done by a group from the Grange who spent an evening repairing books. Other services were rendered by Mr. Washburn, who mowed the grass, and Mr. Newell, who cleaned our new windows.

Mrs. Stanton presented us with a cabinet filled with reproductions of the great art of the ages. She also made a cash contribution to be applied where most needed.

From the Donald Perry estate we received, in addition to 75 volumes included in the aforementioned books, two sectional bookcases and two hat trees.

The Bookmobile has continued to be a source of delight. Not only the librarian and trustees, but representatives from the upper classes at school have availed themselves of the opportunity to select books. The assistance rendered by several of the older pupils has been highly commended by those in charge of the Bookmobile.

Between visits of the Bookmobile, special requests have been sent to the State Library in Concord, which has made every effort to send us the desired material. We have also exchanged books with neighboring libraries.

The trustees attended the annual meeting in Concord. Trustees and librarian have attended several group meetings, and the librarian attended the joint meeting of New Hampshire and Vermont librarians in Hanover.

With the better facilities that we have acquired dur-

ing 1959 we hope to place emphasis on even better service to the community in 1960.

Respectively submitted,

ELSIE A. RESOR, Librarian

ELIZABETH O. JONES

VIRGINIA M. RAFTER

ESTHER A. SPALDING

Trustees

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

The year 1959 was fortunate from a forest fire standpoint. New Hampshire had the best record in the nation. Fewer acres were burned, suppression costs were substantially reduced and damage to woodlands held to a minimum. The record resulted from a combination of favorable weather conditions, an alert warden service and a cooperating public.

Yet, despite all this, there still persists a disturbing note

58%, or 6 out of every 10 fires in 1959 were caused by careless smokers and debris burners.

10%, or 1 out of every 9 fires were caused by children.

Careless, indifferent, thoughtless and independent minded individuals and failure of parents to properly su-

pervise children and keep matches out of their reach, annually cause these unnecessary fires which cost large sums to extinguish and cause extensive damage. The elimination of these three causes of fires would radically change this picture. The rules are simple—

1. Before burning, secure a permit from your local forest fire warden—the law requires it .

2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning.

3. Make certain your fire is DEAD OUT before leaving it.

4. Don't throw lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes from moving vehicles—use your ash tray.

5. Don't burn at home—use your town dump and save yourself much possible difficulty, both personal and financial.

Number of local fires	0
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Number of acres burned	0
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Number of permits issued	52
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JAMES BELL

Forest Fire Warden

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD

District Fire Chief

REPORT OF FINANCIAL BOARD

Four meetings of the Finance Board have been held. At the first, the three members appointed by the Selectmen: Gladys L. Adshead, Curtis Dunn and Anna Kivimaki, submitted names to nominate the two new members and cast ballots for same. Aaron Brandt and Adolph R. Rajala accepted the nominations.

The five members met the following week for the purpose of briefing the new members on the responsibilities of the Committee.

On February 6, the Selectmen and Finance Board met to discuss the Town Budget for 1960. Later the Finance Board met with the School Committee to discuss the School Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS DUNN,

Chairman

GLADYS L. ADSHEAD

ANNA KIVIMAKI

AARON BRANDT

ADOLPH R. RAJALA

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meetings have been busy and interesting. Our big project as voted at the last Town Meeting has been the naming of our roads. Much time and research work has been devoted to this project.

The list of names has been forwarded to the Town Clerk.

In naming roads we have endeavored to use existing names as much as possible. When this was not done, historical or geographical information was referred to, in an effort to have our road names bear some local significance.

In December of 1959 we met with Mary Louise Hancock of the State Planning and Development Commission. Our purpose was to get her views on our progress. She said we had made excellent progress, after comparing our accomplishments with other communities. She offered us continued assistance of the State Planning and Development Commission in our future efforts.

Another problem considered by the Planning Board concerns the limited size of the town hall lot. The town hall is situated on land only four feet larger, at any point, than the town hall itself. This present lack of land prevents any future improvements.

Therefore, we recommend that the town consider the possibility of obtaining adjoining land.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BABB, Chairman

ADOLPH R. RAJALA

TALBOT R. HOOD

AARON BRANDT

LELAND A. WILDES,

ex officio

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motor vehicle accidents	11
Suspicious vehicle complaints	2
Abandoned vehicles	2
Motor vehicle fires	1
Break and enter cases	5
Stolen boats reported	2
Stolen boats found	1
Dog bite complaints	1
Gunshot wounds	3
Hospital trips	2
Summons served	4
Summons issued	1
Arrests	1
Warrants	2
Court cases	1
Dogs killed by vehicles	2
Lost dogs reported	4
Dogs found	1
Stray dogs	1

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT F. DUNHAM, JR.

Chief of Police

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Toward the close of the year our Fire Chief, Fred Gilson, resigned his post which he had faithfully held for over one and a half years. We hope that after he gets settled in his new home, he will be willing to accept another appointment as Chief.

His statement of last year expressing thanks and appreciation to the neighboring towns and their Fire Departments is repeated here as 1959 required their services at least six times and their response was always very prompt.

Chimney fires	3
Automobile	1
Building	5
Oil burner permits issued	7

Attention is called to State Regulations requiring permits to install Power Oil Burners and also permits to operate such burners. Both of these permits may be obtained from the Fire Chief or the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

LELAND A. WILDES

for the Selectmen

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

for the

Fiscal Year July 1, 1958, to June 30, 1959

Cash on hand July 1, 1958	\$	28.96
Current appropriation	\$ 27,734.06	
Special appropriations	956.06	
Received from State Treasurer (State Funds)	995.54	
Federal Funds	247.41	
Received as income from trust funds	659.80	
Received from all other sources	8.46	
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Total receipts	\$	30,601.33
Total amount available for fiscal year (balance and receipts)	\$	30,630.29
Less School Board orders paid		30,629.83
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Balance on hand June 30, 1959 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$.46

MILDRED H. WHARFF

District Treasurer

Audited by John Lonnqvist

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

This committee was appointed by the School Board following the 1959 School District Meeting to remain in office until a solution to the school problem is reached.

The committee organized May 4, 1959, with Adolph Rajala as chairman. It has met at frequent intervals throughout the year and considered the various aspects of the school problem from a long range viewpoint.

Several offers of land for a new school were very generously offered by public spirited citizens who have a real interest in our schools. We examined the various sites offered and also gave considerable thought to expansion at the present location.

The committee poses the following questions to the townspeople:

1. Should the town take action at the 1961 Town meeting to buy sufficient land around the present school house to protect adequately the present building and to provide for possible expansion?

2. Should the town obtain option at once on the Crathern land at the rear of the school playground and take action on the purchase of the property at the 1962 Town Meeting for the purpose of developing adequate playground facilities in connection with expansion of the present plant?

3. Should the town buy the parsonage on or before expiration of the present lease on June 30, 1962?

4. Should the town consider combining the present building and the parsonage as one unit for school purposes?

5. Should the town disregard the parsonage and confine the expansion of school facilities to an addition to the present school building?

6. Should the town abandon the idea of maintaining a school in the center of town and start anew at one of the locations offered.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH RAJALA,

Chairman

MARGARETTA VOORHEES

AARON BRANDT

TALBOT HOOD

JAMES ROWSE

ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETING

MARCH 10, 1959

Town meeting and polls were opened by the Moderator at 1:00 P. M. The warrant read. Motion made and passed to postpone action on all articles until 8:00 P. M.

Results of balloting read by moderator at 8:40 P. M.

Selectman for 3 years	Tracy A. Eaton
Selectman for 1 Year	Leland A. Wildes
Treasurer for 1 year	Charles F. H. Crathern
Tax Collector for 1 year	Roland S. Spalding
Town Clerk for 1 year	Charles F. H. Crathern
Highway Agent for 1 year	Porter G. Washburn

Article 1. Clerk was authorized to cast one vote for each of the following:

Auditors: Toivo Kivimaki
John Lonnqvist

Library Trustee for 3 years Mrs. Arthur Rafter

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Charles F. H. Crathern

Trustee of Cemetery Funds for 3 years
Conray G. Wharff

Article 2. Moved and passed to raise \$14,820.00 (less county and school tax) necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Passed in the affirmative.

Article 4. Voted 2% 30 days discount on tax bills.

Article 5. Passed in the affirmative.

Article 6. Indefinitely postponed .

Article 7. Tax Collector allowed 8% on Head Tax collections.

Article 8. Indefinitely postponed .

Article 9. Indefinitely postponed.

Article 10. Moved and passed that \$25.00 be appropriated.

Article 11. Fire Chief Fred Gilson reported on State

Fire requirements. Read report of inspection. Selectmen reported adequate steps would be taken.

A recess was declared by moderator. Five minute coffee break.

Article 12. No action taken.

Article 13. Indefinitely postponed.

Article 14. Moved and passed to authorize the Planning Board to suggest names for roads in town.

Article 15. Moved and passed that report of the Planning Board be accepted as printed in town report with the following changes made:

Article I Section 10 to read "a family may" instead of "a family shall."

Changing Article V by striking out the same and placing instead the following: "This ordinance may be amended by a majority vote of any legal town meeting by an article in the warrant of the meeting, stating the sections to be amended and having the amendments printed in the town report of the meeting, or in the warrant of the meeting, said amendments to have had a public hearing which has been advertised for at least 15 days previous to said hearing."

Old Home Day loss reported by Miss Beatham of \$33.00. Balance in the fund \$284.00.

John Paron elected chairman of Old Home Day.

Carl Valyou elected chairman of Memorial Day.

Moved and passed that all other reports be accepted as printed.

Moved to adjourn at 11:15—passed.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1959

March	6	Mark Van Norman	Ray V. Loter Judith F. Martin
March	17	Patricia Joan	James R. Graham Helen E. Wiik
April	27	Blair Warren	Warren Ropes Faye Collins
June	5	Jennie Louise	Irving M. Spear Marion R. Brundige
June	22	Jon Arvo	Jouko O. Lonnqvist Vivian R. O'Mara
July	9	David John, Jr.	David J. Cotzin Hazel M. Moran
Sept.	30	Darren Scott	Robert E. Woods Jane P. Rooney
Oct.	15	Mark Alan	Lloyd E. Trempe Sally A. Creighton

MARRIAGES

Date		Names	Address	By Whom
1959				
Feb.	6	Zarmir Shepherd—Leominster, Mass. Corinne Mary Nass—Leominster, Mass.		C. F. H. Crathern, J.P.
March	21	John Hanson Davis—Augusta, Me. Mary Jane Walsh—Boston, Mass.		C. F. H. Crathern, J.P.
May	2	Ralph Louis Minutillo—Holyoke, Mass. Marguerite Octavia Banks—Springfield, Mass.		C. F. H. Crathern, J.P.
May	7	Darrell Gene Sumner—Leominster, Mass. Mary Ann Bracami—Leominster, Mass.		C. F. H. Crathern, J.P.
June	6	Daniel Bernard Rousseau—S. Berwick, Me. Cecile Louise Trempe, Mason, N. H.		Edward Bernstein, J. P.
June	17	Paxon Thomas Rose—West Chester, Pa. Ronna Shane Rosenbloom—Lowell, Mass.		C. F. H. Crathern, J.P.
June	27	Walter George Mace, Jr.—Mason, N. H. Arline Marie Emond—Greenville, N. H.		Rev. U. J. Simoneau
Aug.	17	David Fletcher Rowse—Mason, N. H. Julia May Karsis—Keene, N. H.		Rev. F. J. Maney

DEATHS

Date	Name	Address	Place of Burial
1959			
Jan. 21	John W. Beck,	Springfield, Mass.	Mason, N. H.
April 4	John Albert Elliott,	Pepperell, Mass.	Mason, N. H.
Aug. 24	Grace M. Haley,	Mason, N. H.	Mason, N. H.
Oct. 12	William Abbott Maxwell,	Deerfield, N. H.	Mason, N. H.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Ray Loter	March 1960
Clerk: Dorothy Marsh	March 1960
Treasurer: Mildred Wharff	June 1960
Auditors: Toivo Kivimaki and John Lonnqvist	March 1960

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Robert Anderson	March 1960
(Mrs.) Eleanor Hood, Chairman	March 1961
Mr. Arthur Rafter	March 1962

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Kenneth A. Sargent

TEACHING STAFF—1959-60

Mrs. Neta Frost, Principal	Grades 1, 2, 3
Mrs. Helene Greene	Grades 4, 5, 6
Mr. Richard Metivier	Grades 7, 8
Miss Elsie Wheeler	Music Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Laila Luhtala, R. N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Robert Wellwood, M. D.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1959-60:

School opens January 4, 1960, Closes February 19

School opens February 29, Closes April 22

School opens May 2, Closes June 17

Holiday: May 30

1960-61:

School opens September 7, 1960, Closes November 23
(12:00 Noon)

School opens November 28, Closes December 16

School opens January 2, 1961, Closes February 17

School opens February 27, Closes April 21

School opens May 1, Closes June 21 prior to 12:00 Noon

Holiday: May 30

Teachers' Convention October 20 and 21

Total number of School Days 180

Total number of School Weeks 37

SCHOOL WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town
of Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said district on the eleventh day of March 1960, at eight

o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,860, for the tuition of High School children of Mason, attending Appleton Academy, in lieu \$5200 currently stated in the School Board's Budget for this purpose, or take any action relating thereto.

10. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept on behalf of the District any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or United States.

11. To see if the School District will vote to elect its officers by an official ballot and to adopt the non-partisan system as provided in Chapter 59:73, 77, 79-86 R.S.A., understanding that such action requires the use of a check list as noted in 59:85, or take any action related thereto.

12. If Article 11 is passed to see if the District will vote to raise a sum of money to defray costs involved in conducting the non-partisan ballot system of voting or take any action relating thereto.

Given under our hands at said Mason this — day of February 1960.

ELEANOR E. HOOD
ROBERT ANDERSON
ARTHUR RAFTER

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ELEANOR E. HOOD
ROBERT ANDERSON
ARTHUR RAFTER

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1961-1962

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960, and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended	Budgeted	Estimated
	1958-59	1959-60	Budget 1960-61
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 217.00	\$ 217.00	\$ 117.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (Local share)	210.00	263.47	280.73
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	164.00	190.00	190.00
4. Salaries of Other Admn. Personnel	261.40	278.47	460.05
5. Supplies and Expenses	380.65	344.64	425.99
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	11,763.94	12,345.00	12,970.00
7. Textbooks and Other Instr. Aids	456.49	390.00	490.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	962.36	534.00	689.00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	47.21	18.00	143.00

C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salary of Custodian	600.00	600.00	650.00
12. Fuel or heat	608.62	500.00	550.00
13. Water, Light and Other Expenses	508.85	361.00	413.00

D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	189.75	197.00	350.00
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E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	196.20	220.00	240.00
16. Transportation	4,285.10	4,302.00	4,362.00
17. Tuition: High School	6,820.26	7,557.00	7,350.00
Elementary	608.64	720.00	786.00
18. Special Activities	139.72	40.00	40.00
18a. School Lunch	247.41		

F. FIXED CHARGES:

19. Teacher Retirement (Dist.'s Share)	588.36	621.11	895.57
20. Insurance, Bonds, Taxes & Expenses	309.98	334.61	137.13

TOTAL CURRENT

EXPENSES	\$29,565.94	\$30,033.30	\$31,539.47
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G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:

21. Land and New Buildings	83.79		
23. New Equipment	191.86	200.00	

H. DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Payments on Principal	700.00	700.00	700.00
26. Payments of Interest	79.78	62.04	44.29
27. In and Out Items	8.46		

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED

TO MEET SCHOOL

BOARD'S BUDGET \$30,629.83 \$30,995.34 \$32,283.76

I. INCOME OF THE DISTRICT:

	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Balance on Hand			
June 30	\$ 28.96	Act. .46	\$ 2,800.00
State Aid: (Foundation)	995.54	Act. 3,140.51	5,000.00
(Building)		Est. 210.00	210.00
Trust Funds	659.80	Est. 600.00	600.00
Federal Funds			125.00
Balance in Parsonage Fund		50.49	
Local Taxation	28,690.12		
Other Sources:			
School Lunch	247.41		
In and Out Items	8.46		
TOTAL INCOME			
OF DISTRICT	30,630.29	Est. 4,001.46	8,735.00

J. TOTAL ESTIMATED

ASSESSMENT REQUIRED

TO MEET SCHOOL

BOARD'S BUDGET 28,690.12 26,993.88 23,548.76

K. SPECIAL

APPROPRIATIONS:

Deficiency Appropriation	956.06
Teachers Aid	1,700.00

Building Committee	50.00
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L. TOTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIRED TO MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET	29,699.94
AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATION	\$28,690.12 \$29,699.94 \$23,548.76

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 217.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	210.00
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	164.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	261.40
5. Supplies and Expenses	380.65

INSTRUCTION:

6. Teachers' Salaries	11,763.94
7. Books and Other Instruc- tional Aids	456.49
8. Scholars' Supplies	962.36
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	47.21

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11. Salaries of Custodians	600.00
12. Fuel or Heat	608.62

13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	508.85
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MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14. Repairs and Replacements	189.75
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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15. Health Supervision	196.20
16. Transportation	4,285.10
17. Tuition	7,428.90
18. Special Activities and Special Funds	139.72
18a. School Lunch	247.41

FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	588.36
20. Insurance, Treasurer Bonds and Expenses	309.98

TOTAL NET CURRENT EXPENSES	\$29,565.94
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

21. Lands and New Buildings	83.79
23. New Equipment	191.86

DEBT AND INTEREST:

25. Principal of Debt	700.00
26. Interest on Debt	79.78

TOTAL NET PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$30,621.37
CASH ON HAND AT END OF YEAR JUNE 30, 1959	.46

GRAND TOTAL NET PAYMENTS	\$30,621.83
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In and Out Items Paid	8.46
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TOTAL GROSS PAYMENTS	\$30,630.29

RECEIPTS

FEDERAL AID:

National School Lunch and Special Milk	\$ 247.41
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STATE AID:

Foundation Aid	995.54
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LOCAL TAXATION:

Current Appropriation	27,734.06
Special Appropriations	956.06

OTHER SOURCES:

Trust Funds	659.80
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TOTAL NET RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	<hr/> \$30,592.87
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CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, July 1, 1958	28.96
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GRAND TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	<hr/> \$30,621.83
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In and Out Items Received	8.46
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TOTAL GROSS INCOME	<hr/> \$30,630.29
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EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET
(ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES AND GROSS
TRANSACTIONS

Receipts		Payments	
Total Net Receipts		Total Net Payments	
as above	\$30,621.83	as above	\$30,621.83
Receipts from Refunds		Payments Refunded	
or In and Out Items	8.46	or In and Out Items	8.46
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	\$30,630.29		\$30,630.29

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1959	.46
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Total Assets	.46
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	2,850.03
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Grand Total	\$ 2,850.49

Liabilities	
Balance in Parsonage Fund voted to be returned to decrease assessment	50.49
Notes and Bonds Outstanding	2,800.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 2,850.49
Grand Total	\$ 2,850.49

STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS

Name of Building or Project for which Notes or Bonds Were Issued :	Parsonage
Outstanding at Beginning of Year	\$ 3,500.00

Payments of Principal of Debt	700.00
Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	\$ 2,800.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

For the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959

Cash on Hand July 1, 1958	\$	28.96
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RECEIVED FROM SELECTMEN:

Current Appropriation	\$	27,734.06
Special Appropriations		956.06

RECEIVED FROM STATE TREASURER:

State Funds		995.54
Federal Funds		247.41
Received as Income from Trust Funds		659.80
Received from all Other Sources		8.46

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	30,601.33
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TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		30,630.29
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		30,629.83

BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1959	\$.46
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MILDRED WHARFF

July 2, 1959

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason, N. H., of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 and find them correct in all respects.

JOHN O. LONNQVIST

July 7, 1959

Auditor

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Serial Notes dated August 1, 1957 \$3500

Payable Souhegan National Bank
\$ 2,800.00

Date Due	Principal	Interest	Balance
Aug. 1, 1959	\$ 700.00	\$ 35.20	\$ 2,100.00
Feb. 1, 1960		26.84	
Aug. 1, 1960	700.00	26.40	1,400.00
Feb. 1, 1961		17.89	
Aug. 1, 1961	700.00	17.60	700.00
Feb. 1, 1962		8.95	
Aug. 1, 1962	700.00	8.80

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR

ENDING JUNE 30, 1959

Enrollment

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	10	12	12						34
Intermediate				10	8	10			28
Grammar							10	7	17
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									79

Attending Schools Elsewhere

Attending Appleton Academy	13
Attending Townsend High School	6
Attending Greenville Elementary	1
Attending Crotched Mountain	1
Attending Parochial Schools Outside District	4
Attending Private School Outside the District	1

Attendance

School	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Attend.	% of Attend.	Tardiness	
Primary	33.1	30.6	92.4	31	1.1
Intermediate	27.9	25.9	92.7	11	0.4
Grammar	16.9	15.6	92.6	17	1.0
Visits by Superintendent			51		

STATISTICS FOR FIRST TWENTY WEEKS 1959-60

Census: (1 day to 18 yrs. incl.) Boys 78; Girls 64; Total 142

Attending Mason Public Schools 67

Attending Public Schools Outside the District 19

Attending Parochial Schools Outside the District 7

Attending Private Schools Outside the District 2

ENROLLMENT

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	4	9	11						24
Intermediate				10	5	7			22
Grammar							8	8	16

ATTENDANCE

School	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Attend.	% of Attend.
Primary	24.97	23.30	94.00
Intermediate	24.60	23.13	94.00
Grammar	16.14	15.66	97.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my third annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

STAFF AND INSTRUCTION

The Mason Public School opened this Fall with no changes in its staff. Mrs. Neta Frost continues as Principal of the school and teaches grades one, two and three. Mrs. Helene Greene continues to teach in the middle room, grades four, five and six and Mr. Richard Metivier teaches in the upper room, grades seven and eight. Miss Elsie Wheeler continues as Music Supervisor and Dr. Robert Wellwood as School Doctor. Mr. Ernest Smith continues as Custodian of the buildings. Mrs. Laila Luhtala of New Ipswich was hired to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Miss Sybil Beatham, R. N., as School Nurse.

The School District has been very fortunate in keeping together the staff that worked out so satisfactorily for the last half of the past school year and it has meant that this year excellent progress has been made in all areas of instruction within the building. A drop in pupil enrollment of some ten pupils less than the number anticipated, and a good many of them in the primary room, made it unnecessary to hire an assisting teacher as had been voted by the School District at the last meeting.

Mason continues to lead other small schools in the use of Educational Television and this year has joined the New Hampshire television program and has participated in a number of their offerings. Through the medium of television, Conversational French has been taught by Mrs. Greene, in the middle room, to the benefit of the children of the community. Each day teachers are finding better ways of incorporating the presentations on television into the daily classroom routine and as a result, the children have been gaining the benefits of this type of instruction. You will be pleased to note that five of the other seven towns in the Supervisory Union have followed the lead of

Mason and now are offering Educational Television as a regular part of the school instructional program.

During this past school year all school districts of the country have become affected by National Legislation which was passed September 5, 1958 by the Congress of the United States. This Act, the National Defense Education Act, made available to educational institutions throughout the country some billion dollars to strengthen educational effort. It seems that by the mere title of the Act, Congress shows awareness that the very defense of this country hinges upon the educational and intellectual level of its citizenry and is willing to spend such an amount of money for strengthening education in the United States. The most important provision of this Act, as far as the town of Mason is concerned, is Title Three, which provides money to strengthen education beyond the usual effort of a community, in the areas of Math, Science, and Foreign Languages. Funds made available by the National Defense Act are on a matching basis, each dollar that is expended to strengthen education is matched by a dollar of Federal funds. Mason's share of this huge allotment of money amounts to some \$125 each year for a period of three years. The School Board has already voted to expend money made available, for the purchase of a portable Science Laboratory Bench and related equipment necessary for adequately implementing instruction in Science, in grades one through eight. Money for the further strengthening of instruction will be provided in the next two school years under the present Act, and it is expected that upon termination of the time limit of the current Act, additional legislation will be passed.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The building and grounds of the Mason school continue in generally good condition. Minor modifications of

varied sorts have been made within the building to better comply with fire regulations and thus provide a safer school for children. Painting of the outside of the windows in the brick building has been provided for within the Budget because of the weathering which is showing up, necessitating such action.

Mr. Arthur Rafter of the School Board has, with some local help, put up plastic storm windows on the east side of the brick building to prevent a generally uncomfortable situation in the classroom, and also to help to reduce to some extent, fuel costs for heating this building.

SPECIAL ARTICLES

Article 9 provides the School District with the opportunity of entering again into an exclusive contract with Appleton Academy for the education of children who plan on attending Appleton Academy to further their education. The School Board has budgeted on the basis of present enrollment, \$5200, for this purpose, but the trustees of Appleton Academy have offered to educate all children of Mason at a figure of \$4860. The cost of tuition per pupil for Appleton Academy next year is estimated to be \$400. During the present year, due to the departure from Mason of a large family which included children of the High School level, Mason is actually paying more than the State average for the education of its High School children. This is the case, since the flat fee of \$4649 was voted by the District during the past year, and the actual cost of tuition on a per pupil basis would have been somewhat less than this amount. To help citizens in their thinking as to action to be taken on this Article, note should be made of the fact that over the past five years the average dropout rate for Mason has been 11.5%. This means that there should be a droppage of two pupils per year if the past dropout rate continues into the future.

Article 10 authorizes the School Board to accept monies which are made available to it primarily through the National Defense Education Act.

Article 11 relates to the election of School District Officers by means of the non-partisan ballot system, a system which will require all candidates for School District offices to file for candidacy and also provides for the use of a check list and a ballot system.

Article 12 raises money to allow this type of voting system to be put into effect.

FINANCE

The total appropriation required to cover the School Board's Budget is \$32,283.76 which is an increase of \$1,288.42 over last year's budget, but not including Special Articles. Due to an estimated balance on hand at the end of the present school year of \$2,800, and an estimated increase of Foundation Aid to \$5,000, the estimated income for the District in the year 1960-61, is estimated to be \$8,735. This is an increase of almost \$5,000 over the income estimated for the present school year and this increase plus additional expenditures made under Special Articles last year results in a School Tax for Mason of \$23,548.76, which is some \$6,000 less than the assessment needed to meet the School District's appropriation for the present school year. This amounts to a reduction in the tax rate of some \$11.00 per \$1,000 of local assessed valuation.

It should be noted that through the efforts of the local representative to the General Court, Mr. Tracy Eaton, a bill was passed providing Building Aid to the town of Mason for the principal payments presently being made by the School District on the renovation of the Parsonage.

This payment amounts to \$210 per year, starting with the present school year, and ultimately this will result in an income of some \$840 to the School District.

There are several areas of increase within the School Budget worthy of being called to the attention of the citizenry. In Item 4, there is an increase of \$181.58, \$100 of that increase being accountable to a transference of the salary of the Secretary of the School Board from Item 1 to Item 4. It should be noted that Item 1 has decreased by this \$100 amount. Another \$20 is accountable to payments estimated to be made to the Truant Officer, and the remainder of the increase is accountable to additional salaries being provided to the Supervisory Union Secretaries. The Item 5 increase of \$81.35 is accountable primarily to revised budgeting as to costs of the usage of the school telephone. In Item 6, an increase of \$625 provides for increases for the teachers of the school to keep them in step with increases being provided in the area and throughout the State. In Items 7 and 8, an increase of \$255 is evident, the bulk of this increase being provided to take advantage of the monies being made available by the National Defense Education Act. In Item 10, an increase of \$125 is present, \$100 of that increase being for the purchase of a set of Encyclopedias sorely needed within the building, and \$25 to provide for repairs of instructional equipment within the school. This item has not been specifically budgeted for previously, but squeezed out of other areas within the budget, namely Item 14. The increase in Item 14 of \$153 provides for the painting and reglazing of the school windows which has been mentioned previously within this report. In Item 19, an increase of \$274.46 is brought about by a relocating of teachers' Social Security from Item 20 to Item 19. An inspection of Item 20 indicates a decrease that makes up for the bulk of the increase in Item 19. The remainder of the increase is due to increased Social Security payments which must

be made, and the increase in salaries which is being provided for the teachers.

An area of decrease within the budget which has not already been noted lies in Item 17, Tuitions, where, in spite of the fact that tuition costs have increased from \$388 to \$400 per pupil at Appleton Academy, a decrease of \$141 is estimated because of reduced numbers of children attending High School from Mason. A decrease in Item 23 of \$200 is reflected, since during the present year money was provided for the purchase of a duplicating machine, such expenditure not being planned for in 1960-61. Incidentally, this machine has added greatly to the efficiency with which materials can be turned out by teachers for use in classes.

CONCLUSION

The School Board of Mason deserves special credit for the sincere interest which they exhibit in all the activities of the school. It is to their credit that they act, in reaching decisions of policy, in a manner which they firmly believe will result in the best for children. Certainly, the Board has been a credit, not only to themselves but also to the town of Mason.

I wish to thank the Mason School Board and the staff for their helpfulness and cooperation which has been a great source of continual encouragement to work harder for the improvement of education for children in Mason.

KENNETH A. SARGENT

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

During the fiscal year 1958-59, twenty regular inspection visits were made at the school.

Tests given by Nurse:

Hearing	40
Weighed and measured	78
First Aid	8

Defects found by Nurse: Corrections by Family Doctor:

Hearing	2	1
Speech	1	
Teeth	5	2

Communicable Diseases:

Pediculosis	12
Impetigo	2
Home Visits	18

Special Activities conducted by School Nurse:

Assisted School Doctor with his annual physical examinations:

Number of Pupils examined	72
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Defects found by Doctor:

Eyes (strabismus)	1
Ears (wax)	4

Tonsils and Adenoids 1

Glands 4

Waged campaign against Pediculosis. Many home visits connected with this campaign. Arranged and assisted with Dental Fluorine treatments, March 1959. Number treated 68. Arranged and assisted with Pre-school Registration. Number examined 3.

Arranged for entrance to Deaf School 1

Respectfully submitted,

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School Nurse

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